Chapter 9: Where We Used To Play

WHAT THE HECK... THIS AGAIN?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BASIL?!

WE DIDN'T DO NOTHIN'!

US PEOPLES JUST TOLD HIM TO GET OUT OF HERE...

BUT THEN, HE STARTED SCREAMING FOR NO REASON!

I AIN'T LYING!!

WE WERE JUST HANGING OUT AT OUR LAKE HERE LIKE USUAL!!

AND WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE YOU?!

YEAH, "USED TO BE"!

THIS SECRET LAKE BELONGS TO US NOW!!

THIS PLACE ISN'T JUST YOURS! IT USED TO BE ***OUR*** HANG-OUT SPOT!!

KIM?!

SO...
YOU BETTER
WATCH IT OR
WE'LL MESS
YOU UP-

STOP.

PAT

THAT'S
ENOUGH,
ANGEL...

DON'T WASTE
YOUR BREATH.
AFTER ALL,
THIS ISN'T
OUR FIGHT.

WHY DID YOU
STOP ME?!
WE GOTTA
DEFEND OUR
TURF!!

HEY...
AUBREY...

SO, LIKE, JUST SPIT IT ALL OUT ALREADY.

YOU'VE ALL GOT SOME-THING TO SAY, YEAH?

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DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SORTED OUT THIS CRAP?

YOU AND THESE NERDS...

BLEH

KIM...

DON'T GO.

GASP

C'MON DUDES, LET'S BLOW THIS POPSICLE STAND.

I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE.

DON'T LEAVE ME.

(...)

ALRIGHT, AUBREY... YOU HEARD HER.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

GIVE BACK THE REST OF THE PHOTO YOU STOLE FROM BASIL.

LET'S... SORT ALL THIS OUT.

SO, WHAT *DID* YOU MEAN TO DO THEN?

I DIDN'T MEAN FOR ANY OF THIS, HONEST...

A... AUBREY...

HA... ARE YOU SERIOUS? WHAT CRAP HAVE YOU BEEN FEED-ING THEM, YOU PANSY?

LOOK, THEY ALL THINK I'M A BULLY NOW!!

YOU...
TELL THEM
WHAT YOU
DID.

GO ON,
BASIL.

HOW CAN YOU
PICK SIDES SO
EASILY...WHEN
YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
THE TRUTH?

KEL...
YOU'RE SO
SIMPLE.

YOU *ARE*
BEING A
BULLY!
LOOK AT
YOURSELF,
AUBREY!!

SQUEEZE

WHAT'S
WRONG? CAT
GOT YOUR
TONGUE?

...I'LL JUST
HAVE TO
SHOW THEM
MYSELF.

IF YOU
KEEP TRY-
ING TO
HIDING IT...

HERE'S THOSE "PRECIOUS" PHOTOS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!

...
"FRIENDS"?

NOW, HOW SHOULD WE SORT THIS ONE OUT...

HA... STILL HAVE NOTHING TO SAY? I FIGURED AS MUCH.

WH- WHAT'S ALL THIS?

THE PHOTOS OF US... THEY'VE BEEN BLACKED OUT WITH MARKER...

A- AUBREY, I...

IT'S...

IT'S NOT WHAT IT-

HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA PLAY THE VICTIM?!

GAH!!! I'VE HAD IT TO HELL WITH YOU!!!!

THUD

AUBREY, STOP IT!!

YOU'RE GONNA HURT HIM!!!

GRAB

HE WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING MESSED UP LIKE THIS!!!

YOU KNOW THOSE PHOTOS MEAN EVERYTHING TO BASIL!!

BUT IF YOU SAY BASIL DIDN'T DO IT...

HA... IT MEANS... EVERY-THING TO *HIM?*

...THEN, WHO DID?

WAS IT YOU, KEL?! ...OR MAYBE A GHOST?!?!

...

WHO RUINED OUR PRECIOUS MEMORIES TOGETHER?!

WELL... IF IT WASN'T BASIL...AND IT WASN'T YOU...

THEN, COULD IT BE...

...THE SHUT-IN?

...!

SUNNY WOULD NEVER-

NOTHING'S CHANGED, HAS IT, SUNNY? YOU'RE THE SAME YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN...

...STANDING THERE SILENTLY WHILE EVERYONE ELSE DOES THE TALKING FOR YOU.

YOU MIGHT ACT LIKE THE QUIET SHY KID... BUT EVERY NOW AND THEN, YOU'LL JUST FLY OFF THE RAILS WITHOUT ANY WARNING!

BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME ANYMORE, SUNNY.

IF NEITHER THE MEATHEAD OR THE CRY-BABY RUINED THE PHOTOS...

...THEN, THAT ONLY LEAVES YOU, SHUT-IN!!

WELL, SUNNY?! ANSWER ME!!!

SUNNY... DON'T LISTEN TO HER!

AUBREY IS THE ONE WHO'S GONE CRAZY-

PLEASE, WAIT !!!!

S-SUNNY... SUNNY... DIDN'T...

WHAT THE-

IT WAS ME...

SUNNY DIDN'T DO IT...

IT WAS ALL ME !!!!!!

I RUINED OUR PHOTOS!!

IT... WASN'T... IT COULDN'T...

...HAVE BEEN SUNNY... SO, PLEASE-

BASIL... WHAT ARE YOU-

GET AWAY FROM ME!!!

THUMP

GUR-GLE
YOU'RE OUT OF CONTROL, AUBREY!
THINGS HAVE GONE WAY TOO FAR!!!
THAT'S ENOUGH!!

SUNNY?! WHAT ARE YOU-

LEAP

GUR-GLE

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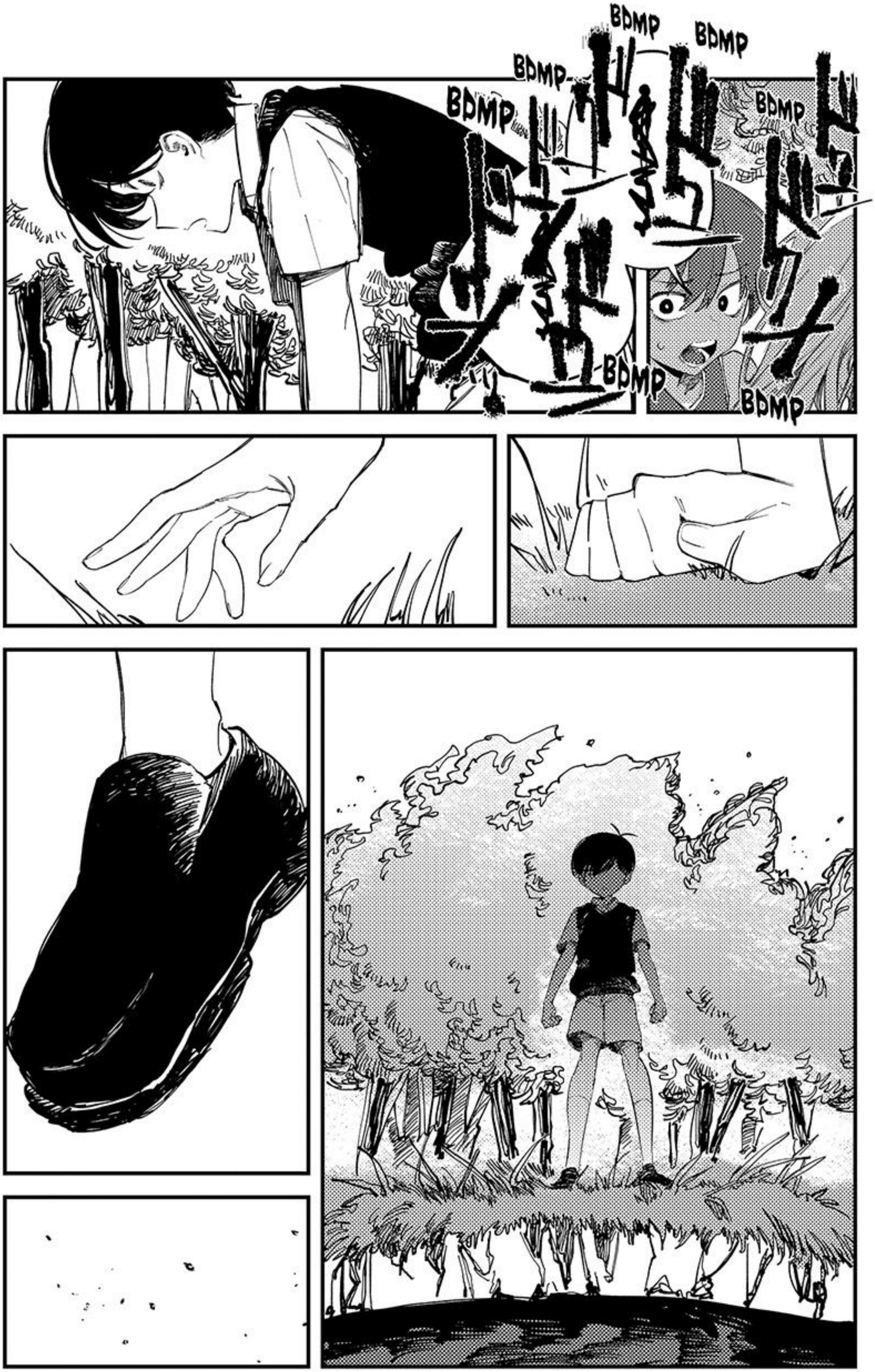
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SPLOSH

BURBLE

SUNNY...

TAKE MY HAND!

THANK GOOD-NESS YOU'RE ALRIGHT, SUNNY... I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT-

THANK GOOD-NESS...
LOOKS LIKE I GOT HERE RIGHT IN THE NICK OF TIME.

SUNNY, YOU'RE AWAKE.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YA AGAIN.